

Saintly News

Weekly Update/January 8-12, 2024

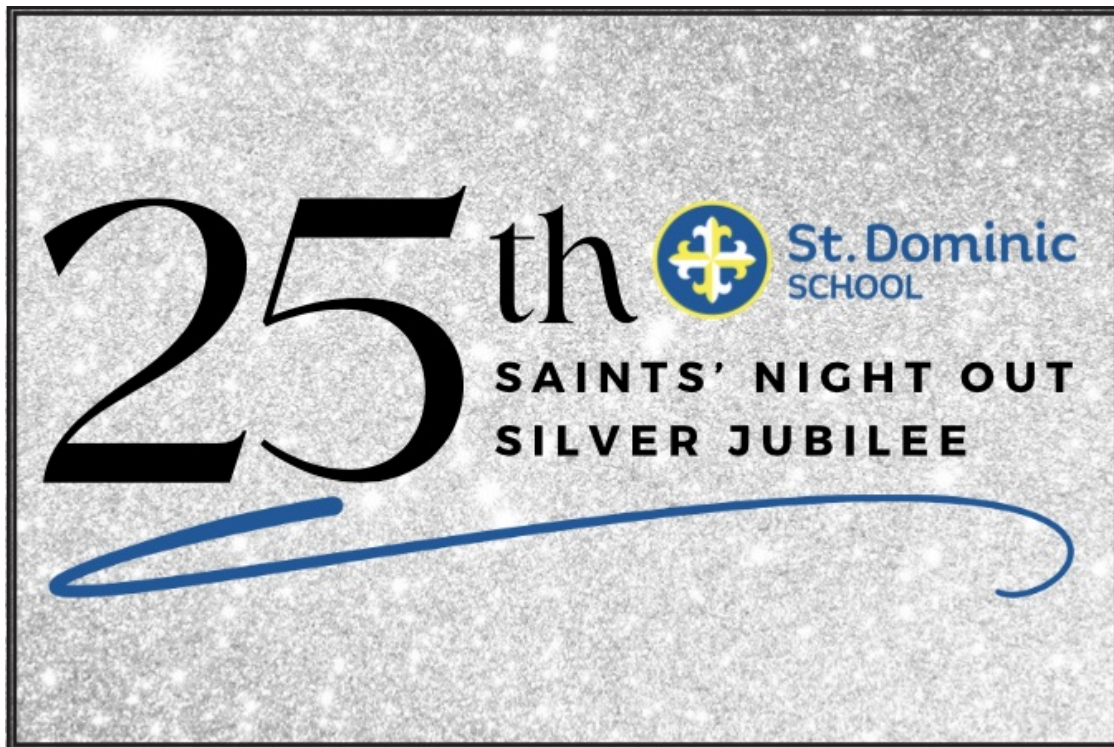


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SCHOOL

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No School on Monday, January 15, 2024 for MLK.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Saints' Night Out this coming year with a Silver Jubilee!

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Where: Armory Square Event Center (Downtown Northfield)

What: Evening of fun to celebrate and raise money for our school. Live & silent auction, food, drinks, games, music, camaraderie and so much fun!

More information will be sent home and posted on the website after the start of the new year regarding ticket sales, sponsorships, auction donations and more!

Saints' Night Out Classroom Ambassadors Needed!

We are looking for a parent volunteer from each classroom to serve as a Saints' Night Out Classroom Ambassador. You will help communicate information to the parents in your classroom about Saints' Night Out (SNO), help with the classroom project and other things as needed. You will receive 5+ volunteer hours for your help. If interested, please contact Sarah Bowles at sarahbowles@schoolofstdominic.org! (this position will be filled on a first come first serve basis).

Winter NWEA MAP testing begin this week.



Dear St. Dominic School Parent/Guardian,

During the next few weeks, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on an iPad (K-4) or a Chromebook (grades 5-8). Teachers will conduct testing sessions in the classroom. MAP

Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's knowledge. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of where your child is on their learning journey— regardless of whether they are on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores in similar skills and topics and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students in the same grade and subject with the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in grades K-8 take the tests in Fall, Winter and Spring testing windows. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Shawn P Dudley

Shawn Dudley
Principal
St. Dominic. School

SAVE the DATES!

January has some important dates to add/keep on your Calendar.
More specific information is forthcoming about each of these events.

Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:00-7:15 PM
Registration Information Evening
St. Dominic School

This is an evening for parents to learn more about 2024-2025 Tuition, Grant and Scholarship opportunities and parameters, programming and the Registration Process. More specific information is coming soon!!



January 28-February 2, 2024
Catholic Schools Week

More information about the specific fun details coming soon! We have activities ranging from a

Mass at the Xcel for grades 6-8 to a presentation on Raptors to Bingo!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

January 28, 2024 Catholic Schools Week Kickoff 10:00 AM Mass *St. Dominic Church*

Let's fill the pews on Sunday, January 28th at the 10:00 AM Mass at St Dominic Church.

Students from St. Dominic School will lead the Mass. Mrs. Van Roekel is assembling a student choir for Mass. Classroom teachers will be working to assign parts to students. All students attending the Mass, whether participating or not, are asked to wear their school uniform.



January 2024 Calendar

January 8th -25th

NWEA Winter MAP testing Window

January 10th 8:20 AM

School Mass in Church

January 15th

No School--MLK

January 18th 6:00-7:30 PM

St. Dominic School

2024-2025 Parent Registration Information Evening

Includes information about process, tuition, programming

More detailed information to come!

January 22nd and 23rd

No School for Students

Teacher Workdays

January 28th-February 2nd

Catholic Schools Week

More Information to come!

January 28th 10:00 AM

Catholic Schools Week Mass

led by St. Dominic School Students and Staff

January 29th 8:30 AM-1:45 PM

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Xcel Energy Center

St. Dominic School 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attend.

2024 Calendar Change

On Tuesday, November 28th, the St. Dominic School Board approved a calendar change. St. Dominic School will be commencing the Catholic School Study through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. When successfully completed, next fall, St. Dominic School will be a nationally accredited school through The Catholic University of America Lumen Accreditation.

The extra days in the calendar will assist staff in conducting a thorough self-study. The process of continuous improvement is rigorous. It is exceedingly important that a thorough self-study yield a strategic plan which propels St. Dominic School into the future.

The Office for the Mission of Catholic Schools has shared that 3 full days of staff work without students is optimal when conducting the self-study/accreditation process.

Please contact me, [Shawn Dudley](#), with any questions.

Click the image below for the revised 2023-2024 calendar.

Aim Higher Grant

The deadline is February 23, 2024, to apply for the

opportunity to receive an Aim Higher Scholarship. This year students at St. Dominic School received over \$14,000 in Aim Higher Grants!

Now is the time to apply for Financial Assistance for the 2024-2025 School Year for the Aim Higher Grant **as well as other scholarship opportunities. Apply though TADS.**

PreSchool and PreKindergarten families take note...you may apply for a tuition scholarship from AIM higher.

The deadline for applying for this awesome scholarship is February 23, 2024.

[Click on the image below for more information about the Aim Higher Grant.](#)



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2023-2024 REVISED CALENDAR

Month	Calendar Grid	Notes
August	Calendar grid for August 2023	29-30: Staff Workshop 30: Back to School Open House
September	Calendar grid for September 2023	4: Labor Day 5: First Day of School
October	Calendar grid for October 2023	13: Marathon Day 18 & 19: Conferences 19-20: No School, Fall Break (MEA)
November	Calendar grid for November 2023	6: No All or PM Busing 22-24: No School, Thanksgiving Break
December	Calendar grid for December 2023	16: opens, 6: Christmas Concert 19: 1pm, 7pm, Christmas Concert 20-26: No School, Christmas Break
January	Calendar grid for January 2024	1: No School, Christmas Break 2: School Reopens 15: No School, MEA, Teacher Workshop 16: End of 1st Semester 2023-2024 Teacher Inset Day and Catholic School Study Work Day for Teachers 28: Begin Catholic Schools Week, 10:30 Mass in SJS Mass. Students participate.
February	Calendar grid for February 2024	16: Catholic School Study Work Day for Teachers
March	Calendar grid for March 2024	27: Catholic School Study Work Day for Teachers 29-31: No School, Spring Break
April	Calendar grid for April 2024	1: No School, Easter Monday
May	Calendar grid for May 2024	6: 4pm, 7pm, 8: Spring Concert 24: Last Day of School 9:30 AM 25: End of 2nd Semester 26: No School, Memorial Day 31: Last Day of School 6:45, Early Release at 4pm
June	Calendar grid for June 2024	



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Be my way.
Be my Truth.
Be my Life.

2023-2024

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